

REMARKS

In the Office Action¹, the Examiner allowed claims 95-100, 104-107, 111-114, 148, and 149, and rejected claims 69-74, 79-82, and 87-90 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 69-74, 79-82, and 87-90, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Accordingly, the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are moot.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request timely allowance of this application.

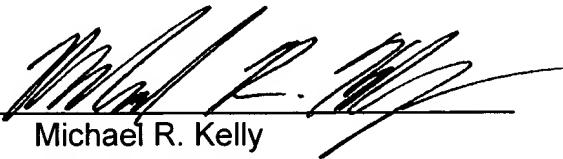
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Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.